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Remarks

Claims 25, 26, 28-31 and 34-48 remain in this application.

Claims 1-24 were already canceled.

Claims 27, 32 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice, having their subject-matter being incorporated into claim 25 with the amendments hereby submitted.

Claims 28 and 34 have been amended so as to correctly depend from claim 25 as currently amended.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paepke (US 3990270). Claim 29 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paepke (US 3990270) in view of Lonati (US 3924423). Instead, claims 30-48 were deemed allowable.

The Examiner's objection is mooted in view of the amendments to claim 25, which now comprises the features of previous claim 33 and of the intervening claims 27 and 32. In this regard it is noted that claim 32 was dependent from claim 28, however the features specified in claim 32 were firstly mentioned in claim 27, therefore claim 25 as currently amended incorporates the features of claims 33 and of claims 32 and 27.

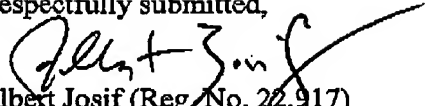
It is noted that Paepke (US 399270) does not teach or suggest at least to have a sub-needle having the lower end shaped complementarily to an upper end of the actuation element so that the sub-needle is moved from its inactive position to its active position or vice versa as a consequence of an axial movement of the actuation element along the corresponding axial slot of the needle cylinder.

It is also noted that Paepke (US 399270) fails to disclose or suggest at least a sub-needle the lower-end of which is forked as specified in claim 25 as currently amended.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the pending claims.

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